



### **Karen E. Brown**

Karen Brown is the Director and Managing Attorney of the Home Defense Program of the Atlanta Legal Aid Society. She represents elderly, disabled, and low and moderate income homeowners facing the loss of their homes, targeted for predatory mortgage lending or servicing practices, and/or wrongfully denied loan modifications. Karen trains and educates lawyers, housing counselors, homeowners and home buyers on housing-related fraud schemes and on rights and remedies provided under federal and state consumer protection laws. In addition, Karen presents oral and written testimony and comments to federal and state regulatory agencies and legislative bodies on various proposals addressing predatory mortgage lending, mortgage servicing, foreclosures, mortgage payment assistance and loan modification programs.

Karen has served Atlanta Legal Aid since 1990, when she started as staff attorney with its Senior Citizens Law Project. In 1996, she joined the Home Defense Program, becoming managing attorney in 2006 and its director in 2010. Karen was selected as the 1998-1999 John Heinz Senate Fellow with the United States Senate. During her fellowship, she worked for U.S. Senator Christopher J. Dodd and the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, where she developed legislative policy and strategy on consumer and housing issues, including predatory mortgage lending. Karen graduated from Smith College and the University of Georgia School of Law.

